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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MASAHIDE HIRASAWA )  
Application No.: 09/348,500 )  
Filed: July 7, 1999 )  
For: IMAGE PICKUP CONTROL )  
APPARATUS, IMAGE PICKUP )  
CONTROL METHOD, IMAGE )  
PICKUP CONTROL SYSTEM, AND )  
STORAGE MEDIUM :

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND THE DRAWINGS  
AND  
SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTE FORMAL DRAWINGS

Sir:

In accordance with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office procedures, enclosed are informal drawings of Figures 1 to 19 and 33 (sheets 1 to 16 and 30 of 30), as originally filed, with proposed amendments shown in red ink.

As indicated by the changes in red ink, Applicant requests approval to amend the drawings as follows:

IN FIGURES 1 TO 19 AND 33

Please add the label --PRIOR ART--, as shown in red ink.

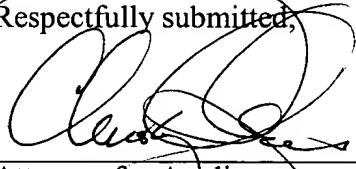
### REMARKS

Applicant submits the proposed amendments to the drawings merely conform the drawings and the written description in the original disclosure, and therefore merely are formal in nature. Favorable consideration is requested.

Also enclosed are corrected formal drawings (Replacement Sheets 1 to 16 and 30 of 30). Applicant requests that the corrected formal drawings be substituted for the corresponding original drawing sheets upon approval of the proposed changes.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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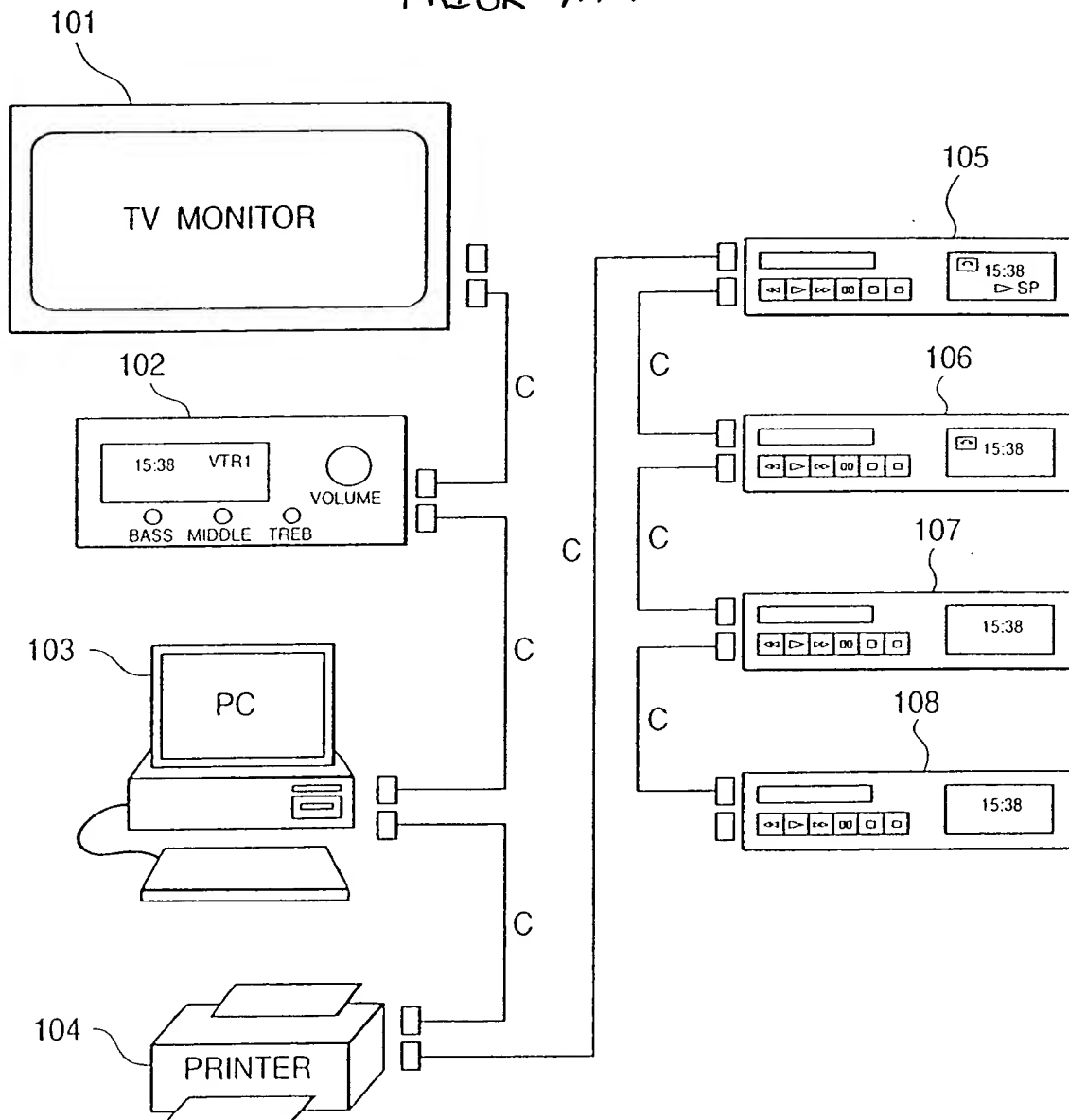
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*FIG. 1*  
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*FIG. 2*  
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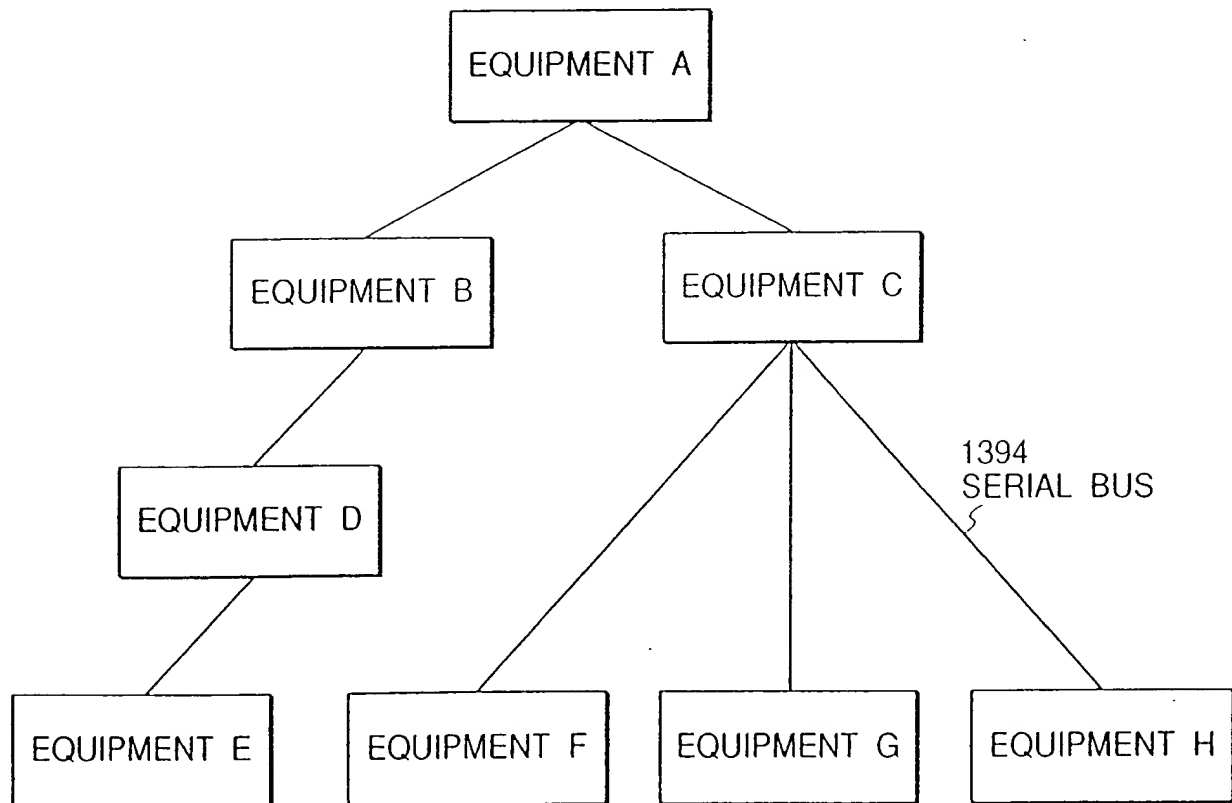




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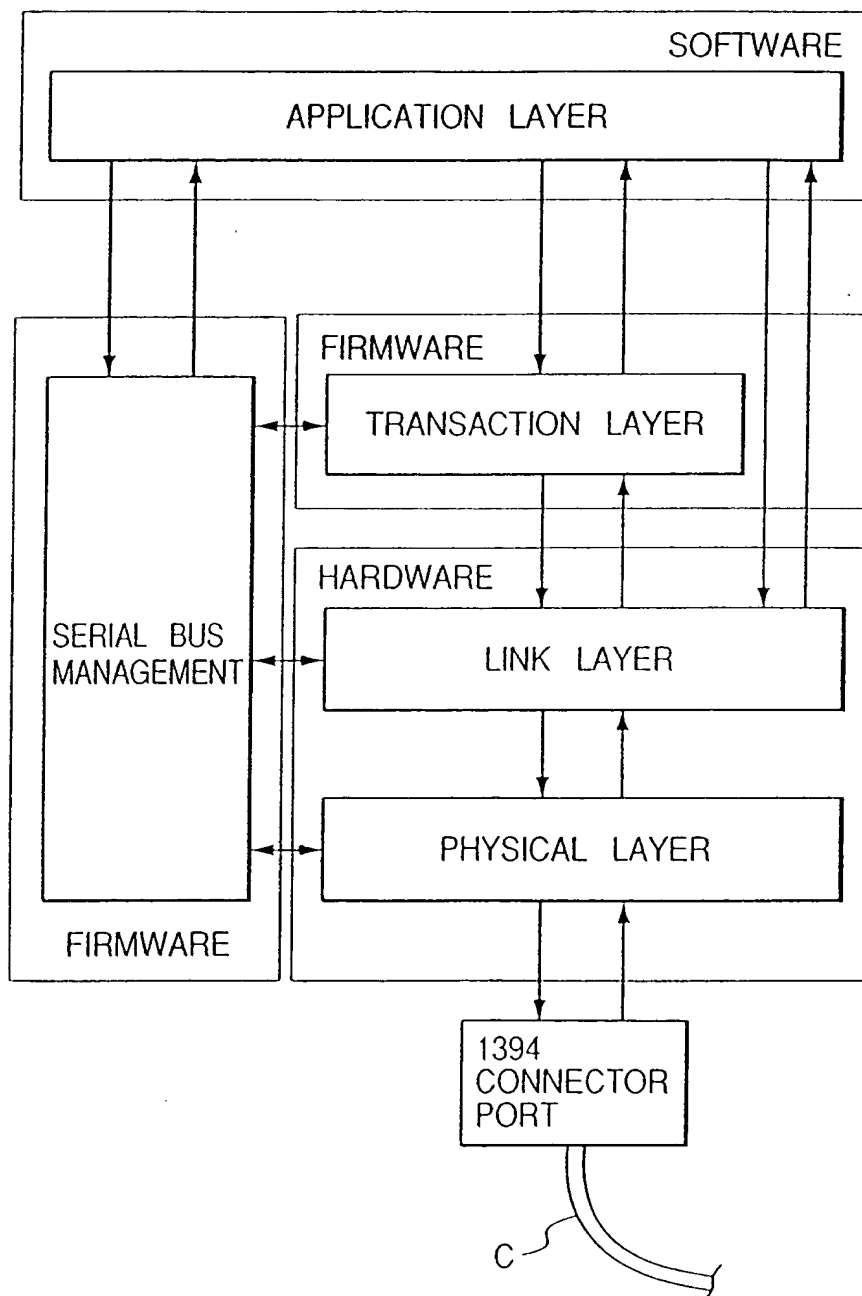
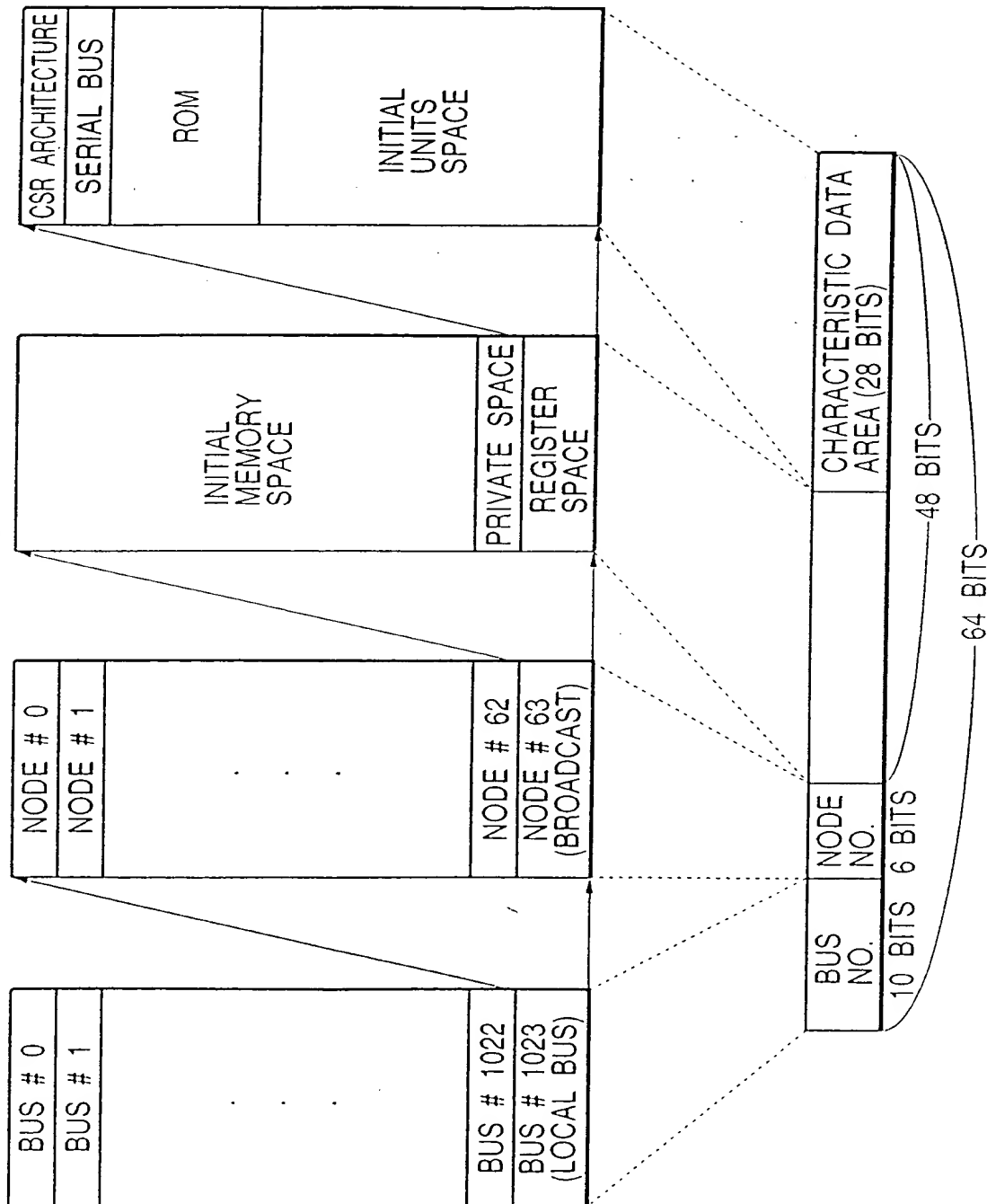




FIG. 4  
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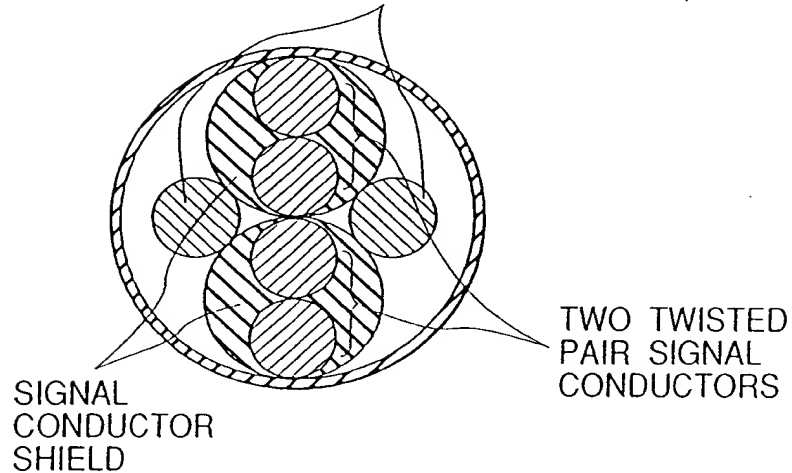




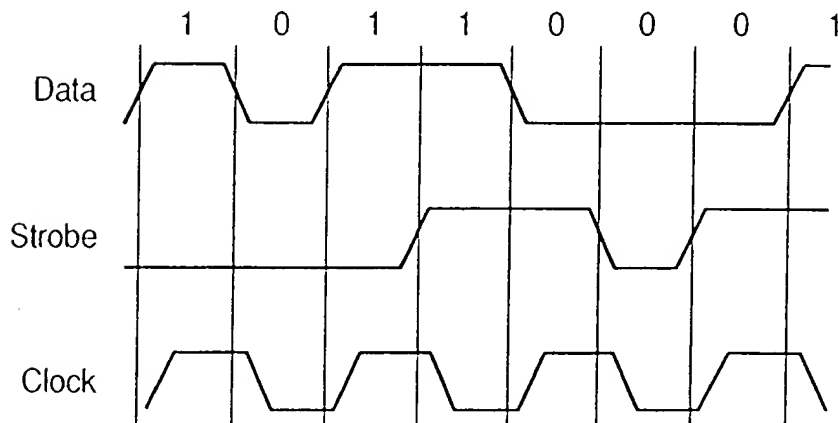
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**FIG. 5**  
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ELECTRIC POWER  
SUPPLY CONDUCTOR  
(8-40V MAX. DC CURRENT 1.5A)



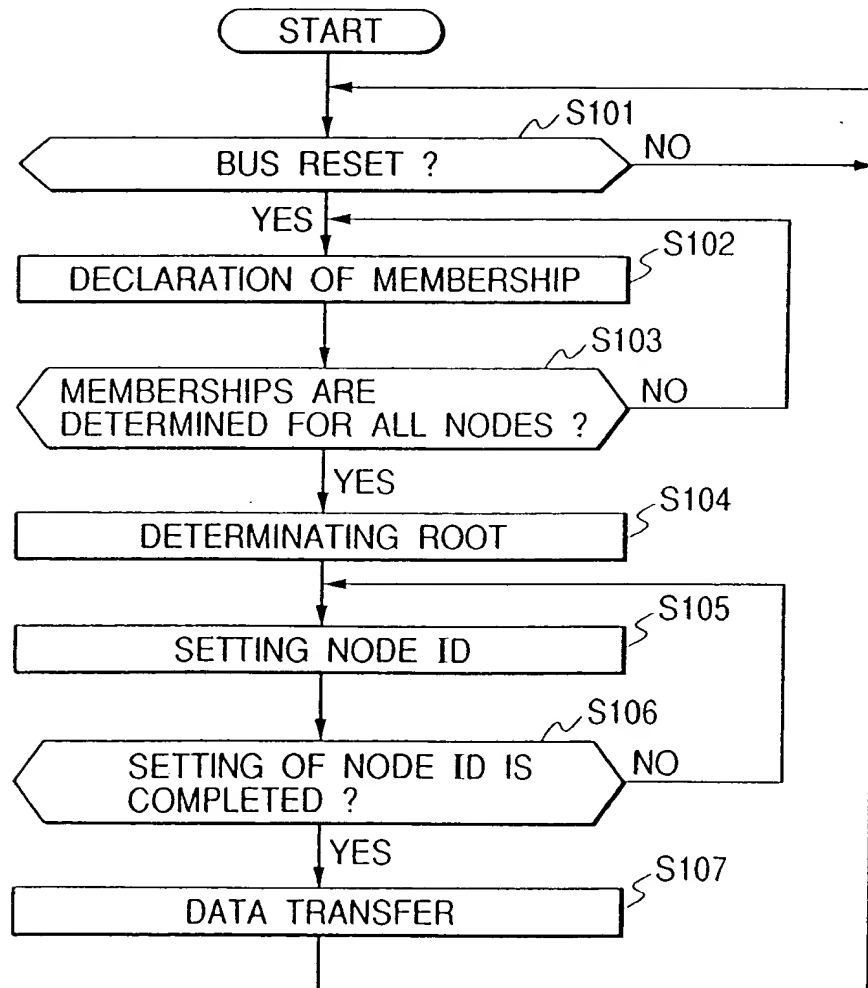
**FIG. 6**  
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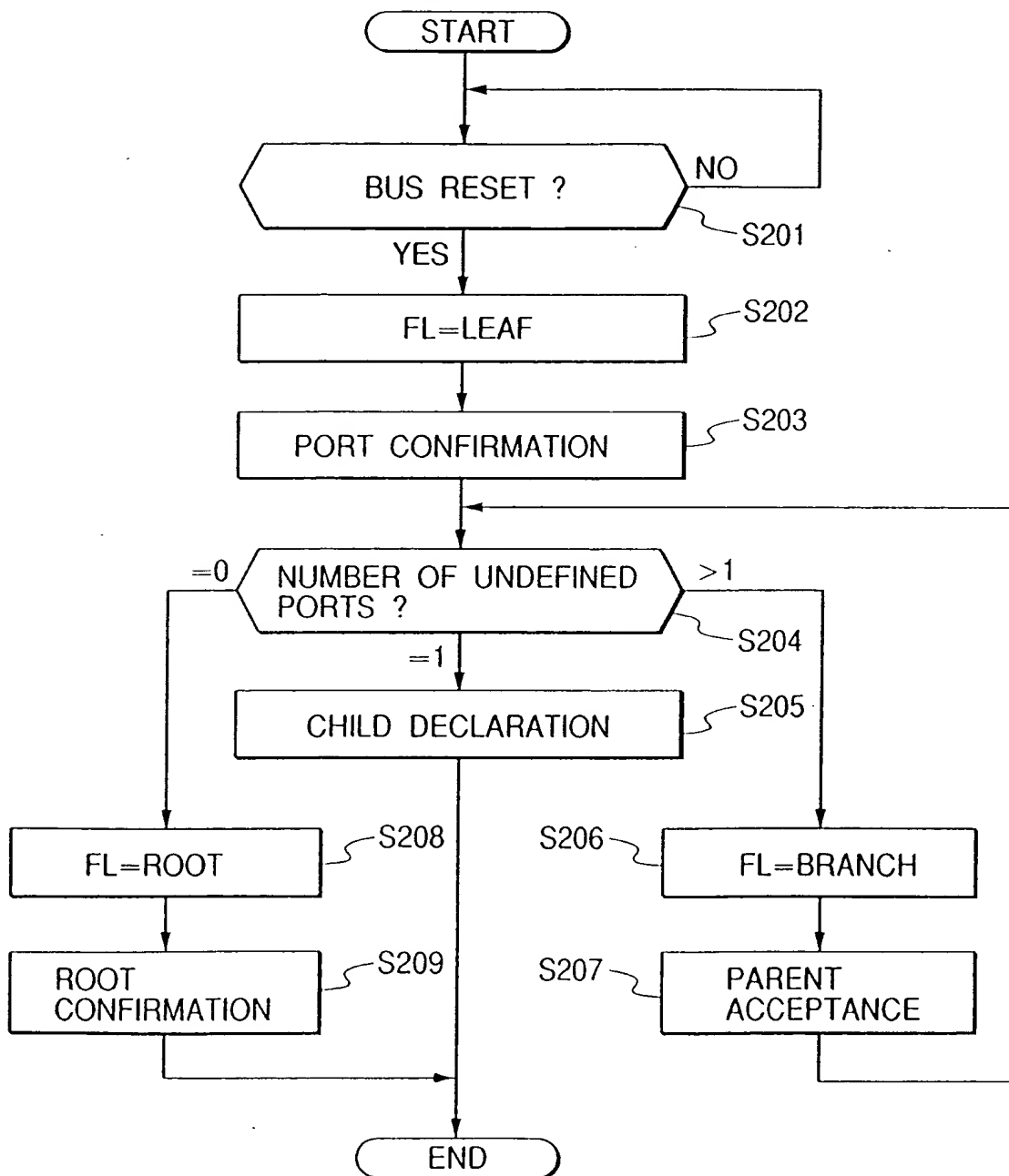


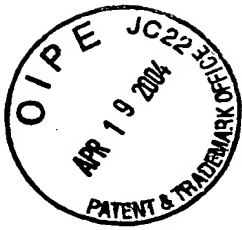
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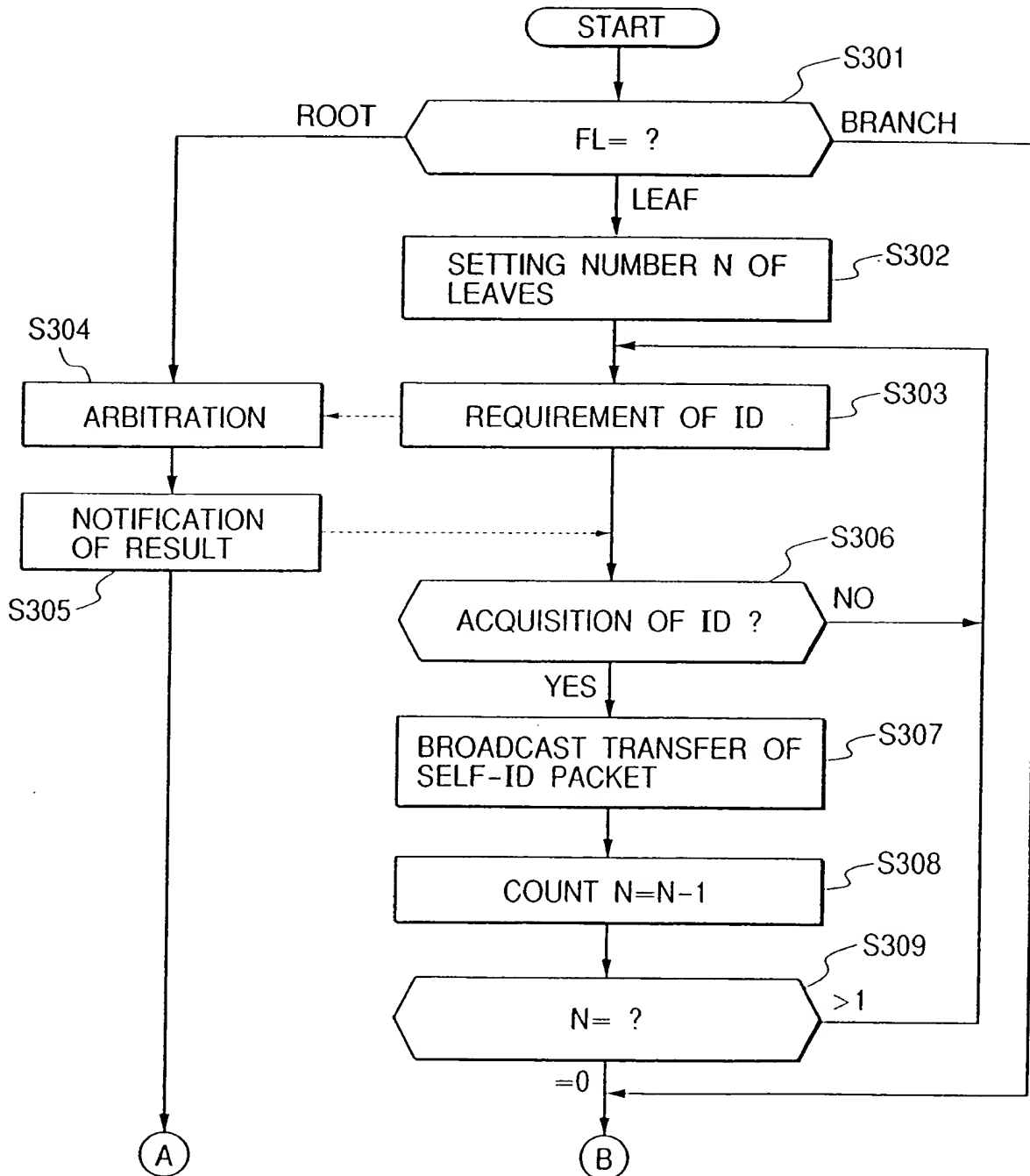


**FIG. 8**  
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**FIG. 9**  
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**FIG. 10**  
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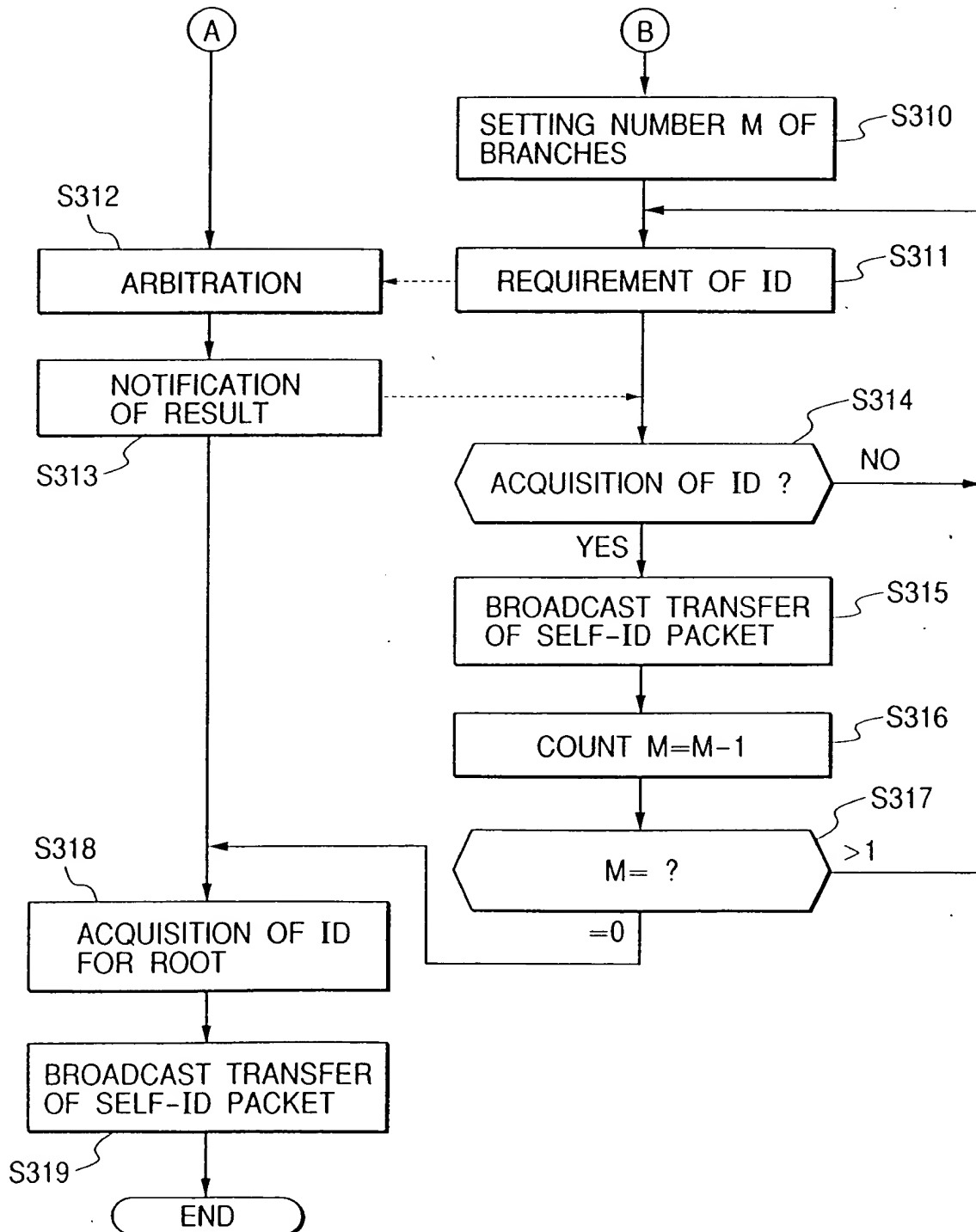
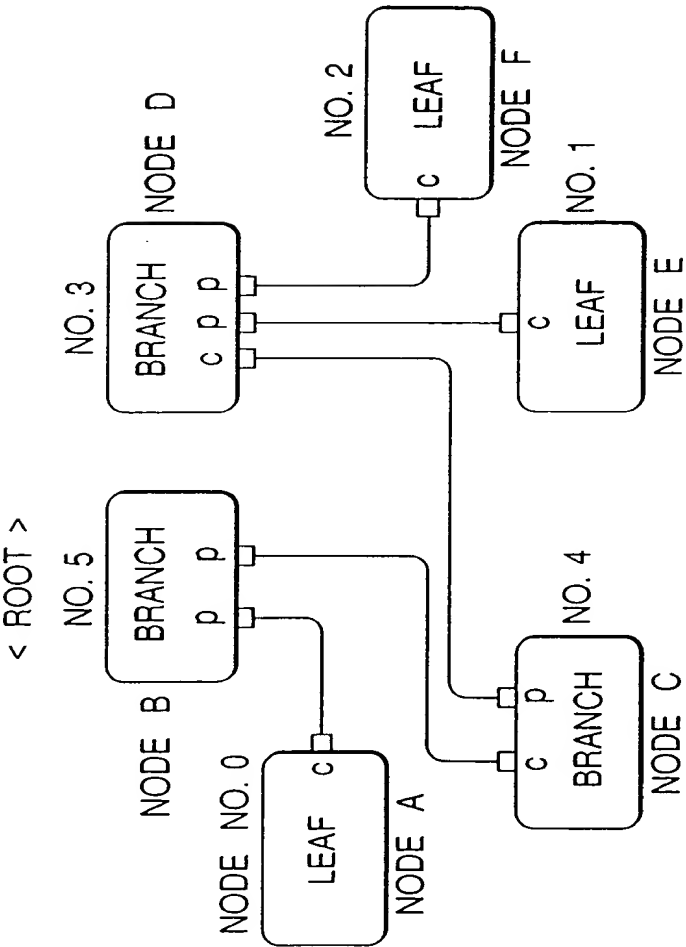




FIG. 11  
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BRANCH: NODE HAVING MORE THAN TWO NODE CONNECTIONS  
LEAF: NODE HAVING CONNECTION WITH ONLY ONE PORT  
c: PORT CORRESPONDING TO NODE OF CHILD  
p: PORT CORRESPONDING TO NODE OF PARENT

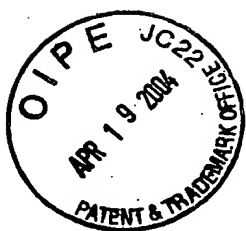


FIG. 12B  
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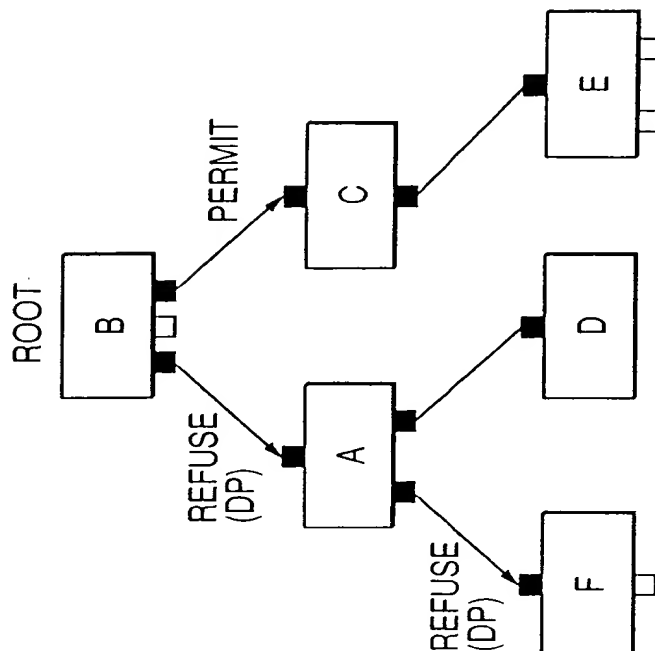
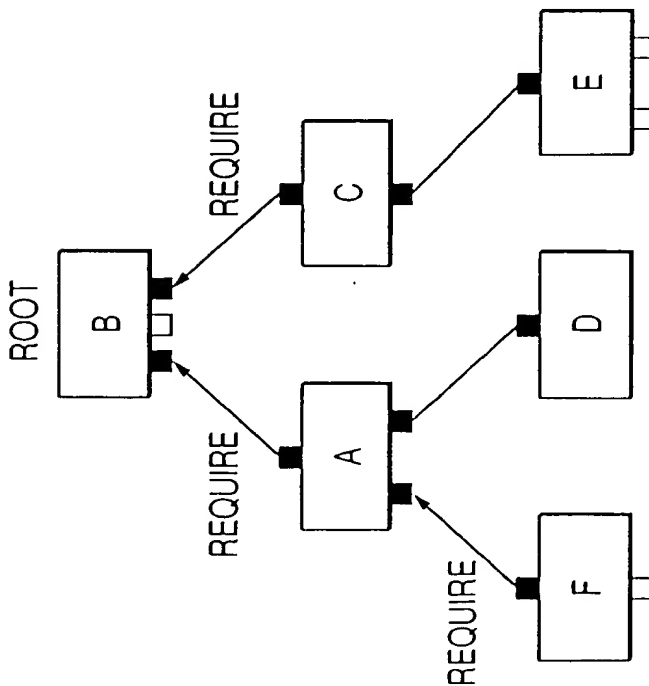


FIG. 12A  
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**FIG. 13**  
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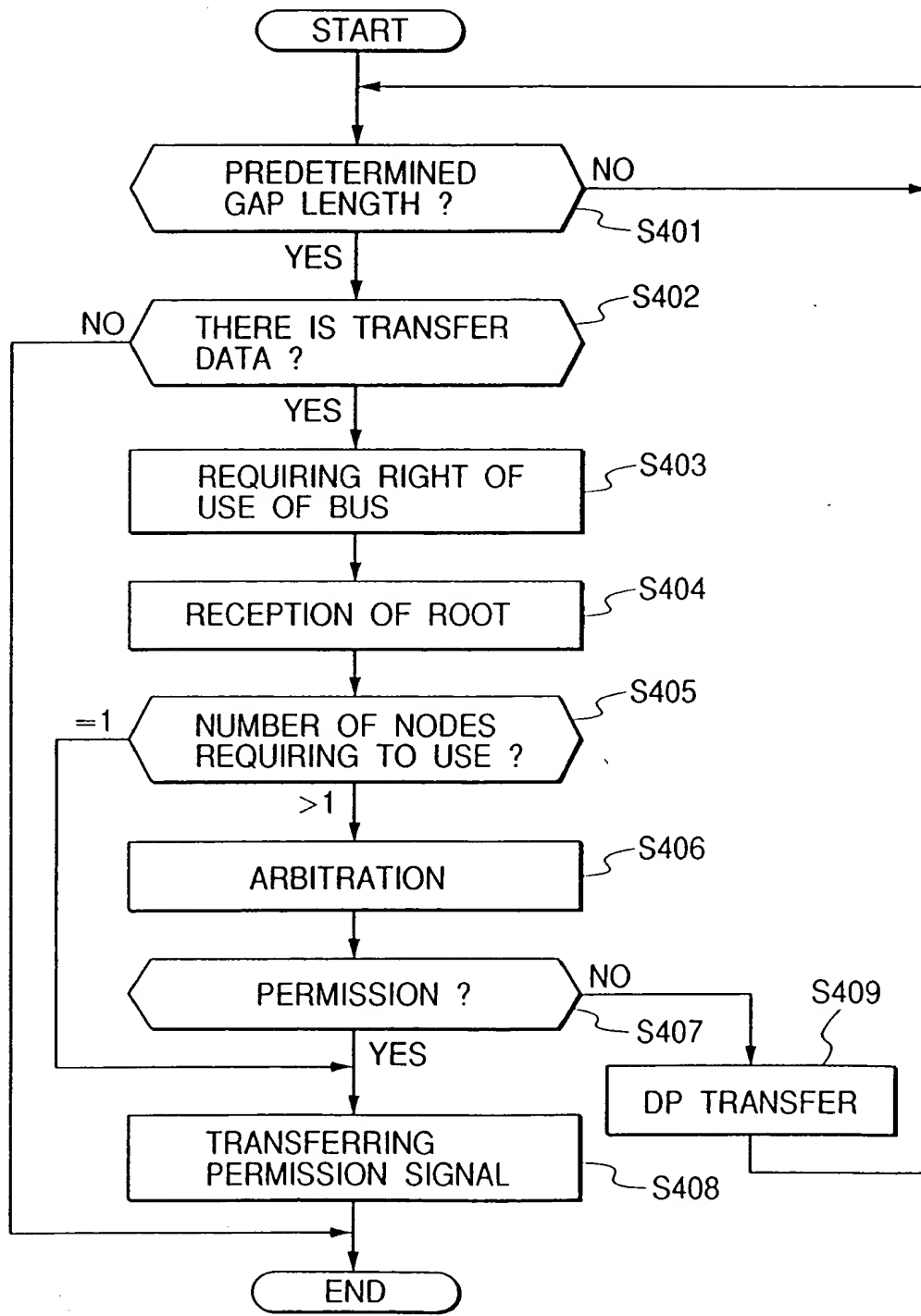




FIG. 14  
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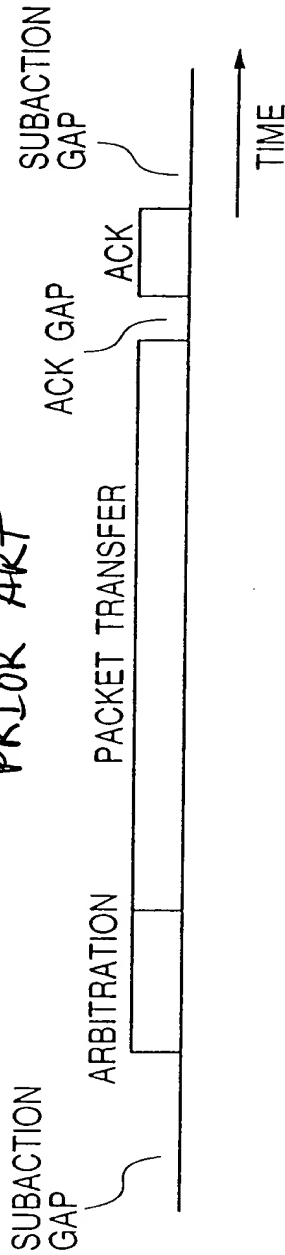


FIG. 16  
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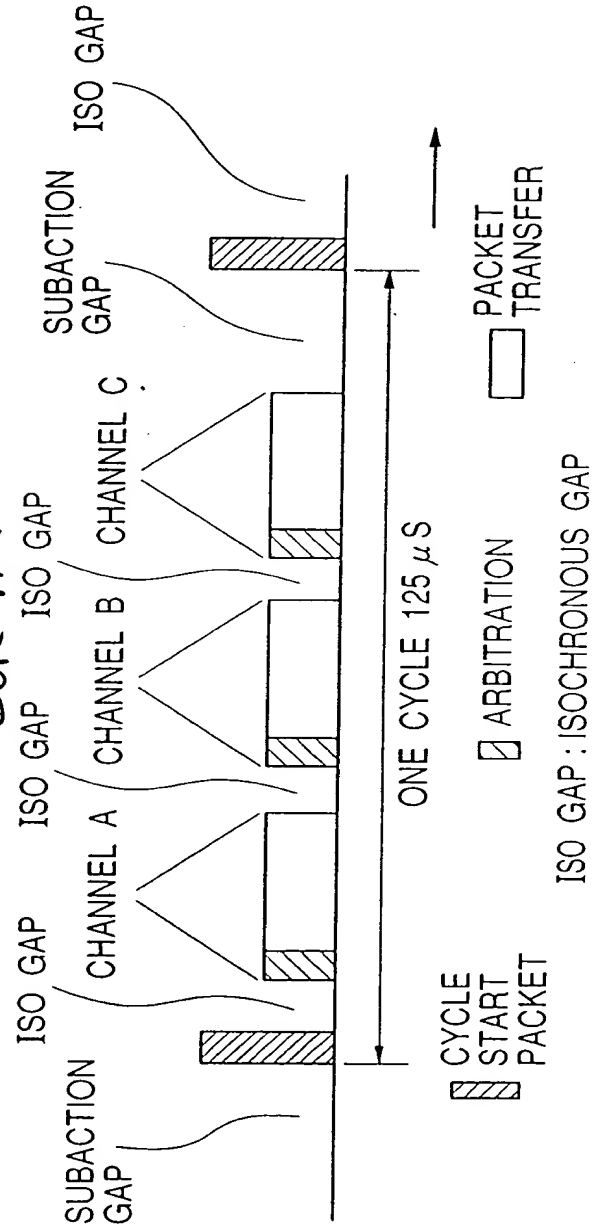
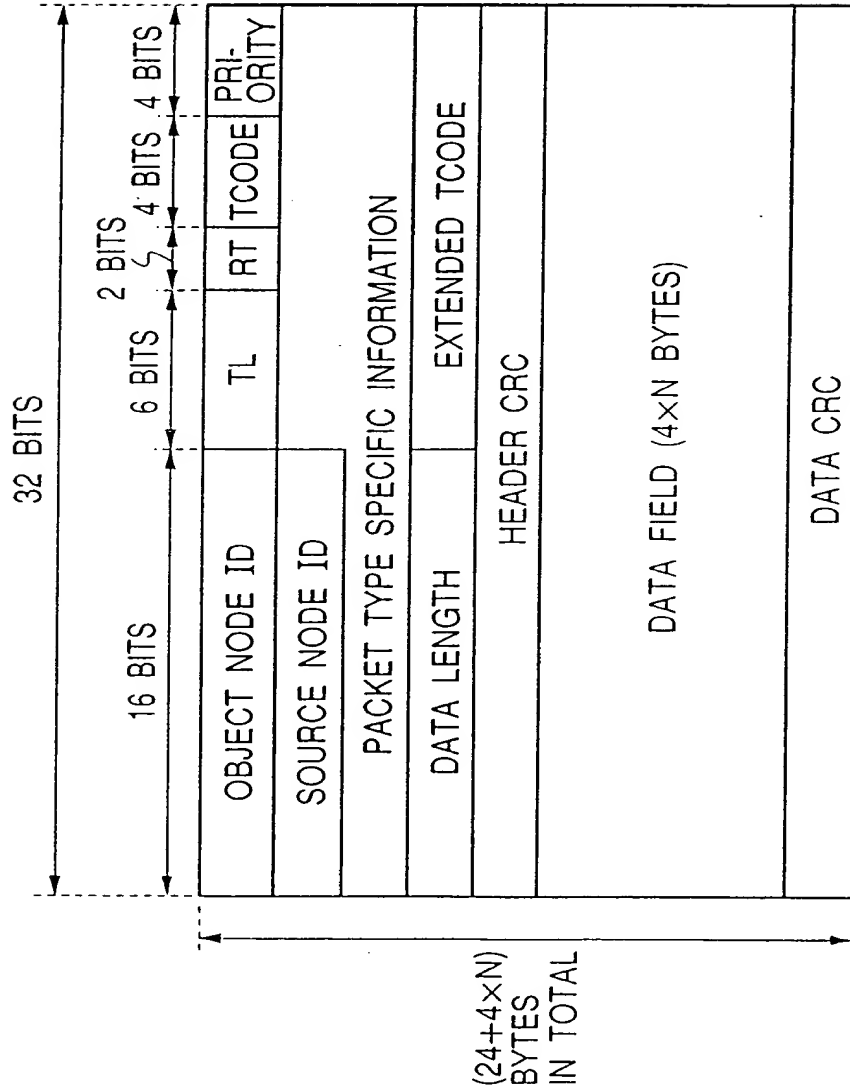




FIG. 15  
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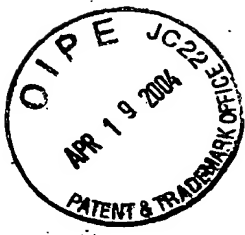


FIG. 17  
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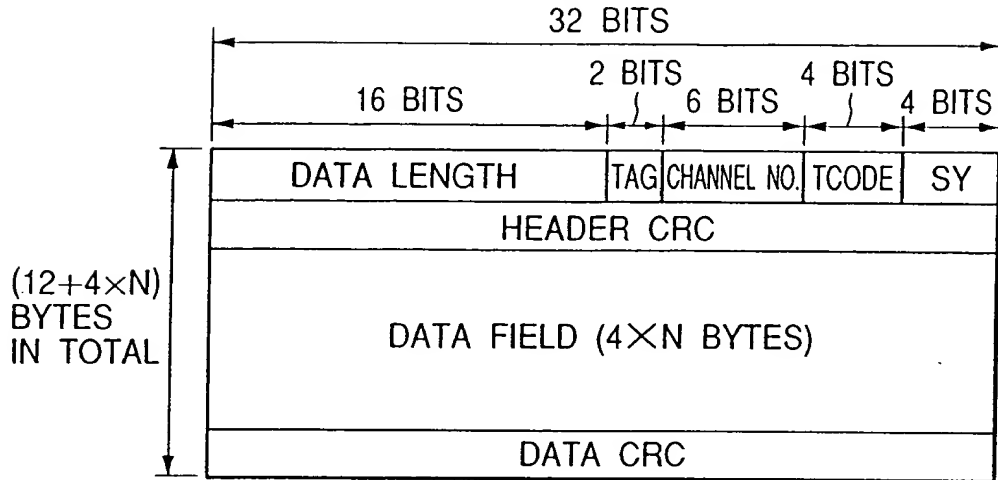


FIG. 18  
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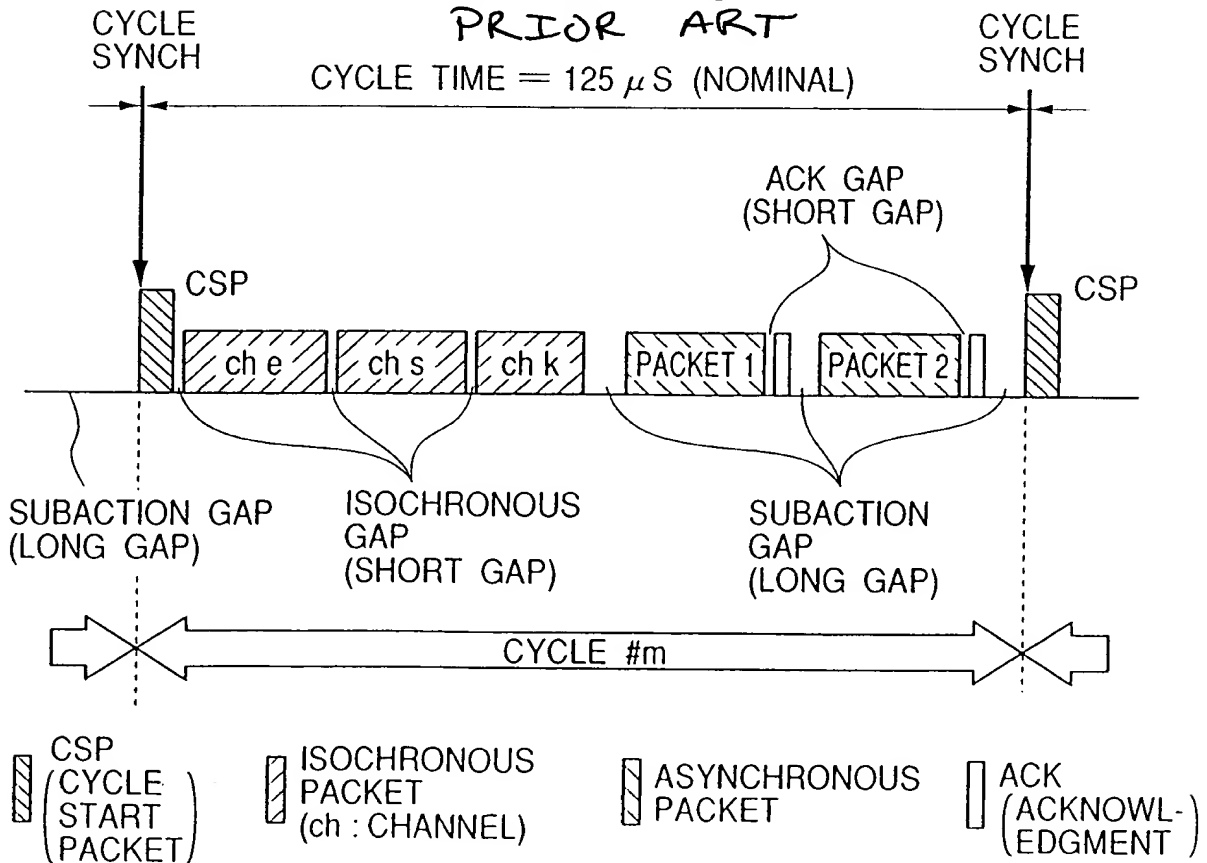
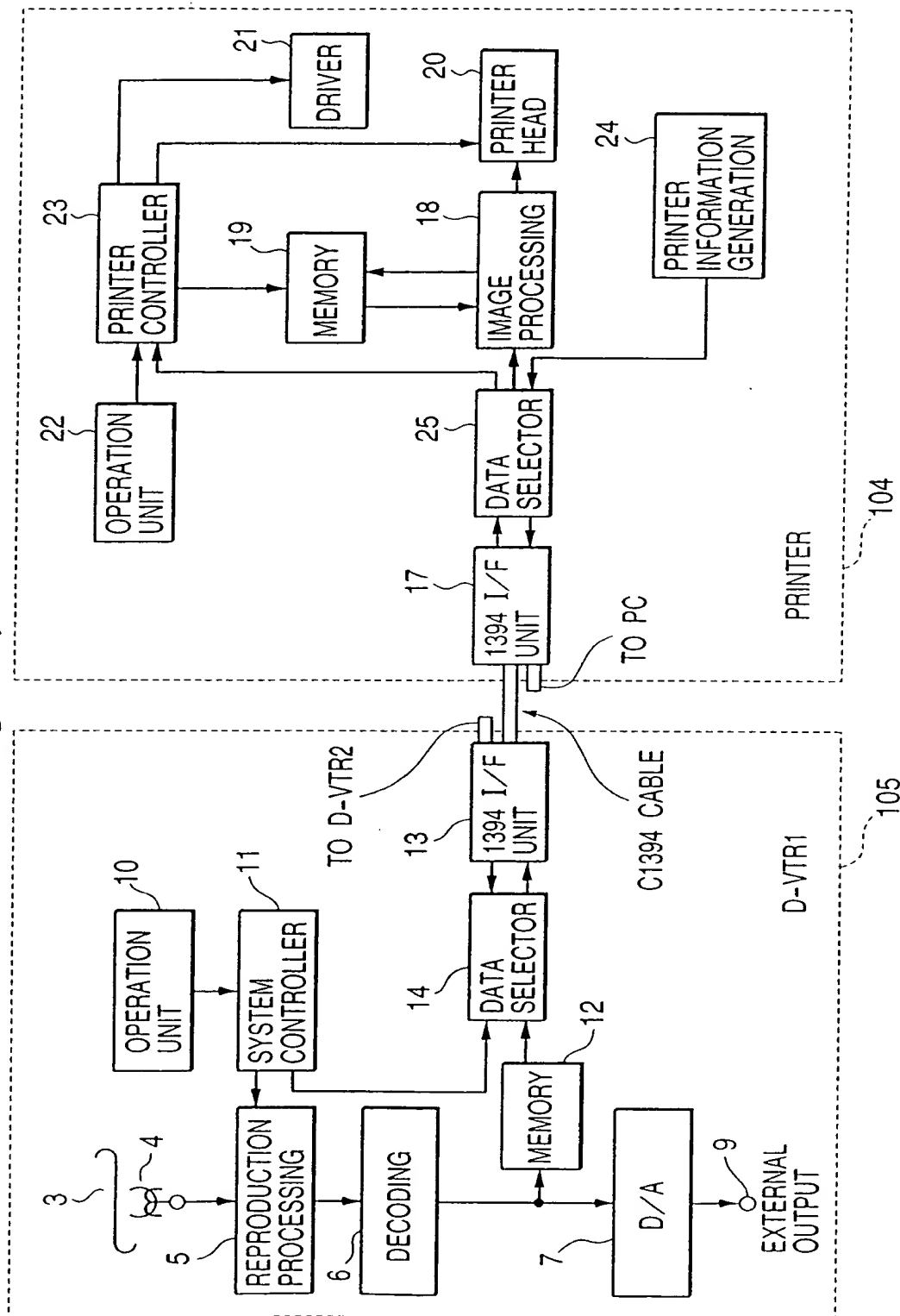




FIG. 19  
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*FIG. 33*  
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